Boys Take Second Place in Schools

Where Competitive Examinations

Have Been Held.

Complete tabulated returns of the

state-wide spelling contests in which

State Commissioner Finley was so much interested show that in the 10,500 schools where "bees" were held,

the girls showed generally the great-

er proficiency in spelling, and that of

the silver medals awarded to county

champions only 30 per cent go to boys.

The original plan was to give each of

these county winners a free trip to the

state fair at Syracuse, but the infantile

monograph. It is a pretty commonly

accepted theory that a good speller is

born, not made. Which means, perhaps, that visual memory is an inherited

faculty, capable, it may be, of develop

ment, but only within a limit fixed by

the brain of the pupil. Logic helps very

little, almost none at all, till after

study of Greek and Latin and French

has forced attention on the origin of

words. The boy or girl or man or woman who most rarely mis-spells a word is fortunate rather than admir-

able. The memory visualizes the print

ed form which reading has made fa

millar. And this was the secret of

the way our grandmothers and grand-fathers got a mastery over the old blue

spelling book. Doubtless the pre-Froe-bel "Webster" book, like all other

books used for the purpose, helped vis

ualization by concentrating attention.

We are inclined to believe that the

average school girl reads more than

the average school boy. After school

the boy's interests are outside inter-

ests. He is fishing or skating or play-

ing ball. We would not have him oth-

erwise for all the spelling in the world.

After all, the learning of things is bet-

ter than the learning of symbols, and

words are nothing but symbols. They aid in writing and in speaking. But in the education that leads up to doing

things one hour in mathematics or

chemistry is worth more than a hun-

dred hours of spelling.-Brooklyn

That draggy, listless, oppressed

feeling ge erall results from con-

elogged and te blood becomes

once with Dr. King's New Life Pills;

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Eagle.

Why girls are better spellers than boys might make a good subject for a

paralysis scare interfered.

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"George Washington was de father of his country," said Uncle Eben; "an' he ain' de only father whose folks got to thinkin' dey knowed uso' dan he

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Putting It Formally.

The four-year-old had just been reproved at the table. He continued to talk cheerfully, though unanswered, to father. After some minutes of solfloquy he turned to mother and remarked: "Your husband doesn't talk very much this noon, does he, mother?" -Harper's Magazine.

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GIRLS EXCEL IN SPELLING IS PATRON SAINT OF BIRDS

Squirrels Depend on Asylum Inmate for Their Supply of Butternuts

"The patron saint of birds and squirrels" is happy. And though he is sixty years old and has been a patient of the state hospital for the feeble-minded for 36 years, his hair is brown and wavy, his eyes are bright and sparkling and his health is good. He has been in the institution more than half of his life, but his life seems to be more sane than the lives of the thousands who have outstripped him in the life race-and have become wrinkle-cheeked, blear-eyed and hard-

Albert Gentle has forgotten the world, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. He was entered in the hospital in 1880 because he loved the small animals and food of the forests. He has been there since, spending most of his time gathering nuts or communing with nature, never expressing the slightest desire to get back to the outside world.

"Last year I picked 27,500 butternuts for my squirrels," he said. "I need just that many to feed them all. They get so hungry in the winter time. I make so many of them happy. I must be here always to care for them."

He said it quietly, with dignity. Imaginatively he somehow emerged from the character of an old simpleton, clothed in an absurd, rusty frock coat trousers of another day and general appearance of Washington Irving's schoolmaster and became the sanctified keeper of a great trust. What was more important than caring for those little animals?

"Most people do not know how important it is that we should always think of the tiny bits of life that God has put on this earth," he said slowly. "Often they do not think of each

MOST POTENT OF WEAPONS

Nothing Devised by Humanity Is Able to Stand Against the Assault of Laughter.

In "The Mysterious Stranger"-the fust-published posthumous book by Mark Twain-that authority on humor declared that most men possess only 'a mongrel perception of humor."

He elaborates his idea by saying: "The multitude see the comic side of a thousand low-grade and trivial things -broad incongruities mainly; grotesqueries, absurdities, evokers of the horse laugh. The 10,000 high-grade comicalities which exist in the world are sealed from their full vision.

"Will a day come when the race will detect the funniness of these juvenilities and laugh at them-and by laughing at them destroy them? For your race, in its poverty, has unquestionably one really effective weaponlaughter.

"Power, money, persuasion, supplication, persecution-these can lift at a colossal humbug-push it a littleweaken it a little, century by century; but only laughter can blow it to rags and atoms at a blast. Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand."

Europe's Largest Dam.

The largest dam in Europe has just een completed near Barcelona, Spain. It is built across the chasm through which the Noguera Pallaresa river flowed. Abutting on almost perpendicular cliffs, the dam is constructed of concrete, and measures 330 feet in height and 700 feet in length. The thickness is 230 feet at the base, gradually decreasing to 14 feet at the top. The valley above the dam was bought from the various landholders at a cost of near \$1,000,000, and now filled with water forms an artificial lake 151/2 miles long and 3% miles wide. The water that now passes through the power house yields an electric current of 20,000 horse power. Later it will be Increased to 40,000 horse power. The water is carried by a system of canals into an arid district, where it irrigates a surface of nearly 100 square miles.

Peculiar Disease of the Teeth.

The Colorado Dental society has two of its members engaged in the investigation of a mysterious malady of the teeth known, for the want of a better name, as "mottled teeth," which occurs in this country in a number of districts, principally in the southwestern portion of the United States. It has been noted in a somewhat more violent form in Italy, 15 years ago. It manifests itself in children and persists through life, and is often so disfiguring that the victims resort to artificial crowning. It is a defect of the enamel-forming substance, and to to suspected that the cause is due to some element in the drinking water, which it has been impossible to dedaltery determine.

Re-educating the Maimed.

Among the mechanical devices for re-educating the maimed or crippled limbs of soldiers that are now being used in the French hospitals are bicycles for the arms and legs, machines for exercising the fingers and wrists, for making supple the tendons of the forearm, for intensifying the sense of touch in the blind, for giving practice in munipulating artificial arms and legs, besides many varieties of artificial hands specially designed for operating typewriters and tools of several kinds.—New York World.

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"How do you mean?"
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